## NOTES ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR MAY 29.

#### The Passover

(Matthew 26: 17-30.)

Golden Text: For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. 5:7.)

Soon after the incident recorded our last lesson, Jesus closed his Perean ministry and entered upon the last week of his earthly life. The order of events, as generally agreed upon by the majority of scholars, is as follows: On the Friday preceding what we now call Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples arrived at Bethany. On the following day (Saturday), a supper was made for him at Bethany. and he was anointed by Mary. On the next day (Palm Sunday) occurred the Triumphal entry. On the next day (Monday) came the second cleansing of the temple. The following day (Tuesday) was the last great day of Jesus' public teaching. Concerning the next day (Wednesday), we have no record in the gospels, but apparently Jesus spent this day in retirement at Bethany.

The Last Supper.—Thursday, the day before the Crucifixion, was engaged with the events connected with the Jewish passover, which was celebrated by our Lord with his disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem. It was at the close of the Passover feast, that Jesus instituted the ceremony which is now designated as the Communion, the Eucharist or the Lord's Supper.

The full significance of that solemn service we may never wholly fathom in this world. Our Saviour himself, however, gave to it his own interpretation, and this we must ever regard as the inspired revelation of its true meaning.

The New Covenant.—Perhaps the most helpful thought which we can attach to the Lord's Supper is the thought of the new covenant for which it stands, and which is freely offered to all humanity through Jesus Christ our Lord, who shed his own precious blood in ratification of it, and thus redeemed to himself all who will accept the gift of his saving mercy.

God knows your need. It seems to you that no one can know it, it is so vast. He knows it better than you do yourself. The multitude of your own aspirations are not present to you, are lost to you, but he has caught them all in his own vessel and will see to it that all are duly fulfilled. He knows your need—your bodily and your social need, your intellectual need, your spiritual need—your need today, your need yesterday and your need tomorrow. And he knows is that he may supply it.—George Bowen.

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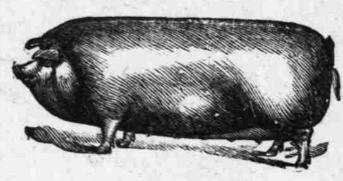
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